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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: June 29TH VIRTUAL MEETING

The May KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on June 29th at 7 PM. Like last time K0VXU will send out an invitational link to members. Watch your email for details on the meeting prior to meeting night. The famous Pie Eating Contest will re-convene after the next actual KCDXC meeting.

Stay tuned for info on July KCDXC Meeting.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER!



To DXers the picture on the left is a pure sight of beauty! To non-hams it is a questionable. However most KCDXC members will see beauty! Recent 6 Meter DX openings prompted N0CWR to rebuild his stack. At the top at approximately 75' is a 2M Ringo, a 6 element 6M yagi is just below, then an 8 el. Tennadyne Log for 20-10 Meters, finally a 30/40 yagi at 65'. If you have ever heard Kevin OTA you know it works!

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	28	2374
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	54	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		186	36	2729
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	231	332	193	151	110		1706
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	238	205	176	205		19	10	
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	888
W0DR	225	30	174	70		5	7	622
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	144	34	72	77		5	5	218
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . All updates are shared with W0XE, for the KCDXC web page. Please only one update a month.

FEATURED PICTURES OF CLUB MEMBERS' ANTENNAS

Send the Editor a picture of your antennas and towers if you would like to see it featured in upcoming newsletters. It would be extremely interesting to see antennas and towers of everyone in the club. Yes, even AA0MZ's Log antenna laying on a picnic table is qualified to be featured in the newsletter. Send those pics to ab0x@kc.rr.com .

NEW W0XE LOGGING PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR W0AR!

Don, W0XE, has remodeled his W0AR logging program for 2020 and has sent it out all to all. It is a simple, but highly efficient, record keeping program for W0AR Contest. Contact W0XE at ddevins@kc.rr.com if you missed the email.

2020 KCDXC DUES!

All KCDXC members are reminded to send in their 2020 dues. Our KCDXC web page has a Paypal link on it to pay dues with, if desired. Scroll to the bottom of the web page. Also, dues can be mailed to W0ZAP, RICHARD D PARENT, 5011 West 155th Terrace, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66224-3813, USA. Of course, our new Treasurer will accept your cash or check at the next KCDXC meeting. KCDXC dues remain at \$20!

If you have forgotten if you are paid up, check the roster updates to see who has paid for 2020 on the KCDXC web page at: <http://www.kcdxclub.com/roster.html>.

KS HIGHWAY PATROL INVESTIGATES DEAD CROWS FOUND SOUTH OF DESOTO



In the photo above KS Highway Patrol officers are shown investigating a strange bird kill near DeSoto, KS. There were dead crows all over the highway. Word leaked out of the KS HP office in Olathe that officers were checking on whether a certain well known ham radio operator in DeSoto was operating his station with a high and powerful beam antenna. Sources report that the amateur radio op calls his high powered antenna the "Death Ray from DeSoto."

The KS Wildlife Commission confirmed they had been contacted in the case but would not release the name or call sign of the ham op being investigated in DeSoto.

This is the second time in a year that authorities have investigated strange bird kills in eastern Kansas. The previous one was just northeast of Louisburg, KS.
-KR0CK, Skeeter

FCC SELLING 10 METERS ON EBAY

The FCC confirmed last week that they had listed the 10 Meter band on Ebay, to be sold to the highest bidder. The Acting Commissioner of the FCC, Ms. Ima Doolittle, confirmed the auction sale was a result of a lack of use by American hams. When numerous hams filed comments against the sale with the FCC, generally saying that the lack of sunspot activity made the 10 Meter band almost useless at the present time, and that activity and use of the band would return when the sunspot cycle increased.

Ms. Doolittle said that China is presently leading with a bid of 2 Billion dollars for 10 Meters. She also said Russia would likely place a competitive bid before the deadline on Aug. 3. The money could be a big help to our government at this time of serious recession. Ms. Doolittle said that Mexico was in the bidding as well, and could pull out the win with a last minute bid. Mexico's plan is to make 10 Meters a new music band for FM transmissions dedicated to loud accordion music. China stated if they win the bid the 10 Meter band, it would belong to the people of China. A Russian spokesman said if they win the bid, 10 Meters would personally belong their supreme leader Mr. Putin.

An undisclosed FCC spokesman said the sunspot cycle was just like the climate change theory and there was not enough scientific proof that the sunspots would return and 10 Meters could be used by hams again. He said, "We might as well make a little profit on the deal while we can."

-Reported by WD0SRI

IMPEDANCE BUMP ON 6 METERS AND NO RABBITS IN THE YARD???



I noticed a change in the SWR of my 6 M beam. When I went out to look at it, I found a large red tailed hawk sitting on the boom of the 6M yagi. Now I know why I haven't seen any rabbits, garter snakes, or mice in the yard this year!

THINGS KCDXC MEMBERS HAVE DONE TO COMBAT BOREDOM DURING THE PANDEMIC- BY WD0SRI

Boredom has crept into my ham radio life during the recent Corona 19 pandemic. I have worked the same DL's and G3's every morning for 6 weeks on 20 Meters while shut in during the quarantine. So, I asked several KCDXC Members what they were doing to combat the boredom. I thought the entire club could benefit from finding new activities to do!

Here's Some Suggestions From Various KCDXC Members:

DE K0VBU: Bill has reported the pandemic has given him time to finally get around to that project he has always wanted to do: a Diet Dr. Pepper can vertical! K0VBU explains that he bought an aluminum soldering kit last year at Dayton and has carefully soldered 61 Diet Dr. Pepper cans together to make a wide banded 40 meter vertical. He said he actually soldered together 62 cans together but the antenna was resonant below 7.000 MHZ, so with tin snips he carefully clipped off a couple of inches of the top can until he had a perfect 1:1 swr at 7.025 mhz. K0VBU then added 4 above ground radials and he was ready to go. Using the Diet Dr. Pepper can vertical K0VBU worked lots of DX in February and March. Bill recommends one set of guys at the 45' level. He says nylon string works great! Contact Bill, if you want more details on construction of the vertical. Bill does say the Diet Dr. Pepper cans do seem to work better than Coke or Pepsi cans. He would love to have Coke Zero cans if possible.

DE WA0WOF: Kay reports during the pandemic she has been sharpening her dancing skills. She ordered a 4 CD series of Polka Dance Instructions from the Lawrence Welk Foundation. The instructional kit comes with a 6 ft. tall blow up balloon of Lawrence Welk to dance with. Kay reports the plastic floor sheet with footsteps in red have helped her a great deal! WA0WOF says if you are good at CW you will be a great Polka dancer, "For Sure!" When the pandemic is over she thinks she will audition dance partners from the Ottawa area and may enter the International Polka Dance Off in St. Paul if she can find a partner who can keep up with her! "A One and a Two!"

DE K0LW: Lee reports that he has developed a new hobby during the pandemic that has helped him deal with the quarantine. He has started a Gecko farm at his QTH. Lee said that it takes a gentle loving hand to care for these tiny reptiles. He has named the geckos "Yagi", "Twinkee", "Tater Tot", "Iambic", "FT8", "Mahomes", and "Kelce"(who is the largest gecko in the group and just seems to run over all the others.) K0LW keeps 2 separate terrariums next to his rig in his shack. The geckos have brought countless hours of enjoyment while sitting home in quarantine.

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

Local DX News: 6 Meter Openings!

The local DX news has been dominated by DX on 6 Meters. The middle of the USA, mainly EM28 and EM29 scored some really nice DX contacts on 6. Here what club members have to report on recent DX worked.

DE K0XM: I do have Sweden and 3 other countries confirmed along with 106 grids all in just shy of 2 weeks of playing on 6. Using my 7610 into my 6BTB vertical. Hope to have phased loops up soon.

DE NOCWR: New ones were 4U1UN, DL, GM, HC, LA, OZ, PA, PZ, SM, SP and TF and I moved 6m yagi to top of the HF mast.

DE AB0X: On June 17th I worked G, LA, MM0, and a TF3 on FT8. I heard one Euro on CW in the middle of the peak on June 17th. There was a small peak later in the afternoon of the 17th and several South Americans were heard. LOTW has provided confirmation of several of these contacts already for these KCDXC members. Several JA's were worked on June 18th.

DE K0AP: as a newcomer on 6m, these past two months have been great. 99% of the 6M QSO's are on FT8. The Greatness started on April 15th when the band suddenly opened up to SA. On this day a good number of new countries were worked including: TI, HP, HK, CE, LU, HC, TG9, V3. The following days and weeks few more new ones were added, PZ, FG, J6, 9Y, P4, HH2, 4U1UN.

One of the highlights was on May 31st when I was in the shower and the phone rang (11pm). I thought whoever it's calling me this late must be something really important but decided to call back after the shower. It was Jimsy AA0MZ calling to let me know KL7HBK was on 6m loud and clear. Luckily I didn't pick up the call initially when still undressed because there was a risk I was going to run down naked to my shack in the basement from the second floor while everyone in the house is still awake. Still, when I got there KL7 was on and quickly logged him. NEVER ignore late calls, you don't know what surprise you gonna get... Thanks Uncle Jim!

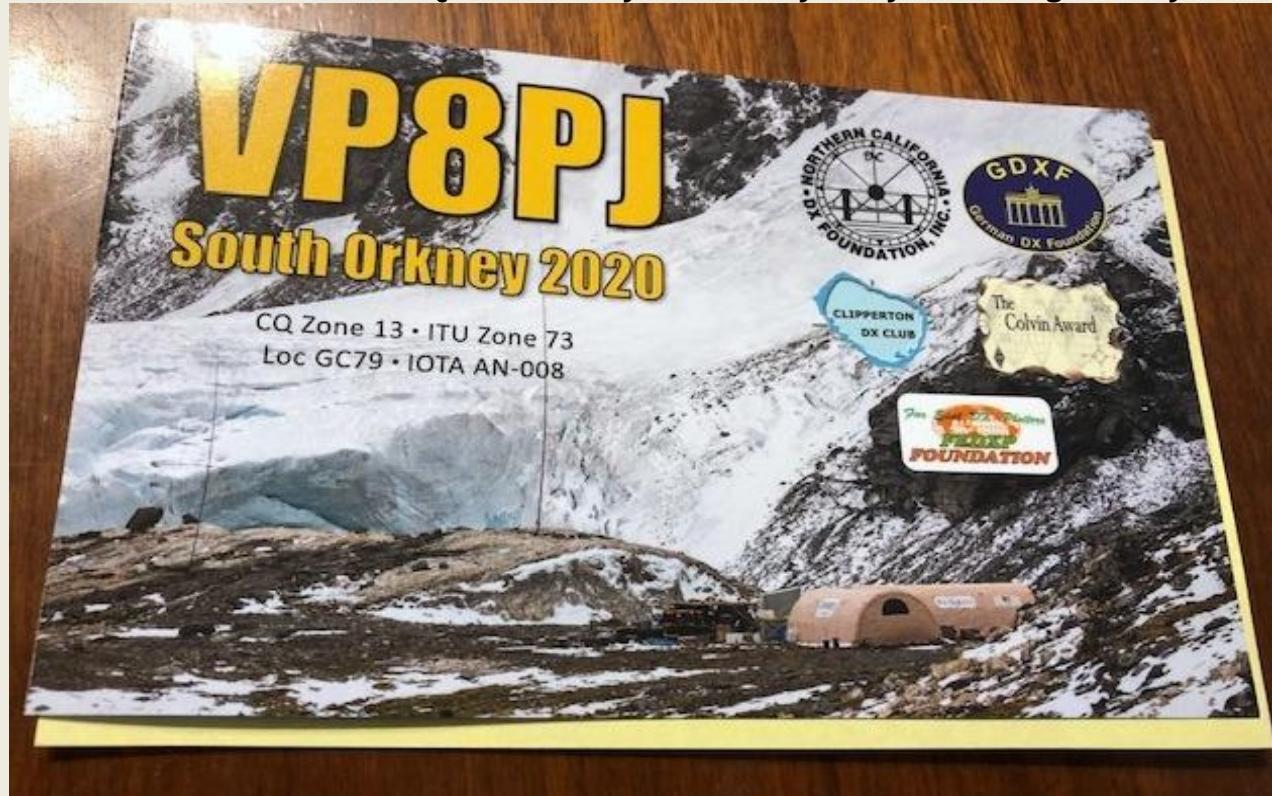
Quite many days I was seeing East or West coast will have nice EU openings and was wondering if we will be lucky to have one good EU opening. June 17th was that day. Western EU and Scandinavia started coming in nicely. But the band was also open to East coast thus it was very difficult to breach that wall. Worked only 3 new countries in EU: OZ, SM and DL. N0CWR had much better score (Congrats Kevin).

The next day (June 18th) band was wide open to JA and worked a dozen JA's. It went as far as BY but only the big guns worked some BY and HL.

I also became interested in FFMA (chasing new grids) and worked quite many new grids from rover stations in some tough to get areas. All these new counters on 6m helped me to get very close to DXCC Challenge 2500 milestone (about 40 DXCC's to go).

Rig is IC7300, ACOM 1000 (700w) and 2el HEX beam. Already thinking about new 6m antenna, 5 or 6el beam.

Some Local HF DX News: Got this QSL recently. How many of you have gotten yours yet?



Report in on your radio special achievements for publication in the newsletter to my email: ab0x@kc.rr.com

Around the World DX News:

3Y0I BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). The Rebel DX Group (RDXG) team reports/posted the following on June 16th [edited]: After today's telephone conversation with the Norwegian Polar Institute, we learned that the Institute suspends all scientific expeditions to a small weather base located on the west side of the Bouvet island. It is very likely that the station was swept to the ocean by "landslide".

The 3Y0I radio expedition is not at risk. We are keep pushing to get a full budget before we set a sail again by end of the year.

Our base will be established on the eastern side of the island on the glacier. This part of the island is not exposed to the worst western winds, waves and landslides. We want to remind you that we have access to accurate, current satellite photographic data of our landing site.

Dom, 3Z9DX, also has over 100 pictures from his non-radio visit and materials from other people who had visited the island. We are really well prepared to do this job.

Now is your turn to help or forget about Bouvet in the log.

Donation link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/3y0i-bouvet-island-expedition>

Please share!

For more details and updates on the Bouvet Island DXpedition, watch the following Web page and Media sites at: This is the main site where you can find more details on the project and news: <https://bouvetoya.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg>

Rebel DX Group: <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>
<https://rebeldxgroup.com/>

A91, BAHRAIN (Special Event). Fawaz, A92AA, is now active with special callsign A91PSD from Riffa until June 23rd. Activity is to celebrate United Nations Public Service Day. Operations will be on various HF bands. QSL via A92AA or ClubLog's OQRS.

E6 & A3, NIUE AND TONGA (Update to OPDX.1460/Reminder). Operators Stan/LZ1GC and Ivan/LZ1PM will be active from Niue as E6AM between September 28th and October 17th. After their operations in Niue, look for Stan, LZ1GC, (by himself) to be active as A35GC from Tongatapu Island (OC-049), Tonga, between October 19th and November 2nd. Activity from both islands will be on 160-6 meters, including 60m and 30/17/12m bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Their goal from Niue is 25,000 QSOs, and Stan's goal as A35GC is to make 15,000 QSOs . Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog during the activity and LoTW uploads to the sponsors one month later. A full log upload to LoTW will happen 6 months after their activity. QSL via LZ1GC, ClubLog's OQRS, direct or by the Bureau. Their Web page is now active at: <http://www.c21gc.com>

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Operators Loick/HB9HBY and Greg/HB9TWU will be active HB0/HB9HBY from Liechtenstein between July 24-26th. Activity will be 24 hours/3 days on 80-6 meters, including 30/17/12m, using CW, SSB and FT8. A special callsign will be used on Saturday (it is a surprise). Look for updates on Facebook (<https://facebook.com/hb9hby>) or on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/hb9hby>). QSL via EB7DX.

JW, SVALBARD. Peter, LA7QIA, will once again be active as JW7QIA from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WW Loc. JQ68) between June 27th ad July 4th. Activity will be focused on 6 meters and possibly on 70 MHz, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home

callsign.

KH9 & V7, WAKE ISLAND AND MARSHALL ISLANDS (Change of plans again!). Randy, WW6RG, was expected to be active as KH9/WW6RG from Wake Island this past week (June 16-18th), but "due to Covid-19" restrictions on Kwajalein Island, he has been notified by the airline that Thursday's flight to Wake has been canceled (things have been changing rapidly in the airline business)." He informs OPDX [edited], "I was supposed to be operating down to Diego Garcia next week; that has been changed due to restrictions and now I am operating between Los Angeles and Honolulu. I should know by the 4th of July the schedule for the next trip to Kwajalein and Wake Island again; things have been changing rapidly. Just so you know, all of my operations International are QRP 5w SSB. As I have to pack everything between one bag and my flight bag. I travel light, I carry a FT-817 with an Alex loop antenna and a 6 amp lithium-iron battery.

That being said I do not do any Digital or CW operations and I'm pretty much restricted between 10 and 40 m.. My setup works best on 20 and 17m. And needless to say, working QRP I am normally working the Gray line. I do this for fun I am not a contesteer, I do not do LoTW or eQSL, but if someone needs a contact I am more than willing to pre-schedule a contact and will exchange QSL cards. All QSLs are to home callsign WW6RG; NO Bureau."

9J2LA QSL STATUS (UPDATE, June 19th). We are getting first reports that direct QSL cards have reached their targets worldwide. Also the complete log upload to LoTW has taken place! A huge thanks to our QSL Manager Charles, M00XO for taking care of it.

U.S. POSTAL STOPPAGE (Updated as June 19th). The U.S. Postal Service has is temporarily suspending international mail acceptance for certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Suspension Due to Foreign Postal Operator Service Suspension

Bolivia	Ecuador	Libya	Peru
British Virgin Islands	Honduras	Madagascar	Rwanda
Chad	India	Malawi	South Africa
Dominican Republic	Kyrgyzstan	Panama	Turkmenistan

Suspension Due to Unavailability of Transportation

Algeria	Egypt	Liberia	Sint Maarten
Angola	Ethiopia	Maldives	Solomon Islands
Argentina	Faroe Island	Mauritania	South Sudan
Azerbaijan	Fiji	Mauritius	Sri Lanka
Bahamas	French Polynesia	Mongolia	Sudan
Bahrain	Gambia	Morocco	Suriname
Bangladesh	Ghana	Mozambique	Swaziland (Eswatini)
Benin	Grenada	Myanmar	Tajikistan
Bermuda	Guatemala	Namibia	Tanzania
Botswana	Guinea Bissau	Nepal	Timor-Leste
Brunei	Guyana	Nigeria	Tonga
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Oman	Tunisia
Burundi	Iraq	Pakistan	Turks & Caicos
Cameroon	Ivory Coast	Papua New Guinea	United Arab Emirates
Cape Verde	Jordan	Paraguay	Uganda
Cayman Islands	Kazakhstan	Philippines	Uruguay
Chile	Kenya	Qatar	Uzbekistan
Colombia	Kiribati	Republic of Congo	Vanuatu

Cook Islands	Kosovo	Samoa	Venezuela
Costa Rica	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia	Yemen
Cuba	Laos	Senegal	Zambia
Curacao	Lebanon	Seychelles	Zimbabwe
Dem. Rep. Congo	Lesotho	Sierra Leone	

Customers: Please refrain from mailing items addressed to the countries listed above, until further notice. For more details, see: <https://about.usps.com/newsroom/service-alerts/international/welcome.htm>

RI1, ANTARCTICA. Alexander, RX3ABI, has bee active as RI1ANM from the Mirny Antarctica Base Station (AN-016) and will be there until early 2021. Activity will be limited to spare time on various HF bands, but it seems he likes mostly 40 and 20 meters FT8 between 0200-1530z. QSL via his home callsign.

SX1, GREECE (Special Event). Two members of the "Fifth Ocean Ham Aviator's Club" (<https://www.aviaham.org>) will be active as SX1AFM from Piraeus Hellas between September 1-30th. Activity is to celebrate 70th anniversary since the establishment of the "Hellenic Air Force History Museum":

<https://www.haf.gr/en/history/hellenic-air-force-history-museum>

Operators mentioned are Polydoros/SV1AHH and George/SV1GGF. Operations will be on 80-6 meters using all modes. QSL via eQSL, LoTW, direct and ClubLog. NO BUREAU. A special award is available. For details, see:

<https://aviaham.hamlog.ru/diplom>

W8S SWAINS ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update/Press Release, dated June 16th) [edited]. Dear friends -- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic it is still impossible to travel to Swains Island. This means that we have to postpone our DXpedition until spring 2021 at the earliest.

Alex Jennings and the team will start planning again as soon as we are allowed to travel to American Samoa without restrictions (such as 14 days in quarantine).

All equipment already purchased is waiting for us in Pago Pago.

We are very disappointed with this postponement, but if we look at it from a positive angle, propagation will be better next year!

We continue our Swains DXpedition project and keep you informed via our mailing list, website and the social media channels such as Facebook ://www.facebook.com/swains2020)

And Twitter (<https://twitter.com/swains2020>).

.... The Swains DXpedition Team (<https://swains2020.1ldxt.eu/>)

THANKS TO KB8NW/OPDX/ -Editor AB0X

Contact the Editor of the KC DX News at ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have news or comments.



**SUPPORTERS OF THE KANSAS CITY DX CLUB
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The header of the ARRL website. It features the text "ARRL Devoted Entirely to Amateur Radio" in white. Below this is a horizontal bar with five colored boxes: orange (Public Service), pink (Advocacy), green (Education), blue (Technology), and red (Membership). A yellow triangle points to the "Learn More" button. To the right is a graphic of a globe with a radio antenna and signal waves.

The header of the Associated Radio website. It features the "Y" logo followed by the text "AssociatedRadio". Below this is a red phone number "800.497.1457" with a small graphic next to it. The background is a light gray gradient.